

Maurita Johnson, Deputy Director**Authorized signature****Number:** CW-IM-14-001**Issue date:** 1/15/14**Topic:** Foster Care**Subject:** Flu Vaccination for children in DHS Custody**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

Oregon flu season is in full swing with reported cases of the N1H1 flu virus rapidly increasing. All of us at DHS Office of Child Welfare Programs want to keep children safe and healthy. With that goal in mind, it is the Department's recommendation that all children who are in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare and are placed in foster care, relative care or in residential treatment settings, receive the flu vaccine as part of their immunization schedule (see the CDC Recommended Immunization Schedule below).

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf>

If you have children or youth on your caseload who are in substitute care settings with foster parents, relative caregivers or residential programs, please remind their caregivers of the importance of obtaining this vaccine for children in their care. This is especially important for school age children who are at the greatest risk for exposure. This does not apply to children who are at home with their parents. Where appropriate, parents should be notified when their child has been immunized.

If you have questions about whether a child with a medical condition should have the vaccine, please contact their healthcare provider.

Oregon Health Plan card will be accepted for these immunizations.

For more information about the flu virus, symptoms and prevention, visit:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/FluPrevention/Pages/index.aspx>

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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